

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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v.	:	Case No. 1:10cr200 (LMB)
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LEE BENTLEY FARKAS,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

NOTICE OF FILING SECOND SET OF LETTERS FOR SENTENCING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the defendant, LEE BENTLEY FARKAS, by and through his counsel, is filing the following second set of redacted character letters (identified for filing purposes by number as “2-1” through “2-11”):

1. Alan Briggs;
2. Lou Carta;
3. Gerald K. Ergle;
4. Lori Hollifield;
5. Rachael Johnson;
6. Linda Miller;
7. Mark Morose;
8. Jerry T. Ortiz;
9. Patty Ortiz;
10. Dina Parker;
11. Tim Wieser.

Addresses and telephone numbers have been redacted, and counsel for the

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 17th day of June, 2011, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to at least the following registered ECF users:

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May, 28, 2011

RE: Lee Farkas

My name is Lou Carta and I've been a small business owner out of Atlanta, Georgia for the past 10 years. I've known Lee Farkas since 2002. He was referred to me from Crestron Control Systems Inc to do some work for him. We subsequently became friends during our business relationship. Everything I knew of him or about him always spoke volumes of an admirable character. His concern and caring for others has always impressed me. A man of his word, he has never disappointed me in any way. I know from our friendship and many of the people that worked for him, that he was always kind, considerate and compassionate. It is my opinion that Lee Farkas is a good man with a good heart that has always been good to me and my family.

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Lou Carta
President
i CONTROL Audio Video LLC
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5/31/2011

The Honorable Leonie M Brinkema
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
401 Courthouse Square
Alexandria, Va. 22314

Dear Judge Brinkema:

Thank you for the opportunity to give insite into the Lee Farkas that has been a tremendous Asset to our community.

OCALA ON ICE.

Lee was the first and major sponsor that made it possible for Ocala to experience Ice skating during the Christmas season. He the first and only FiftyThousand dollar (\$50,000.00)sponsor for four years(\$200,000.00) that enable the citizens of Ocala and Marion County to experience this extremely popular event. Attended by thousands over the four years.

Symphony under the Lights.

Founding sponsor of Symphony under the Lights, another extremely popular event on the downtown square. The Ocala Symphony Orchestra performed under the Christmas light on the downtown square. This was for at least three years and maybe more. The event continues to draw to a large crowd each Christmas season.

Remodeling of Old Buildings.

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Purchased and old auto parts store that had been vacant for many years. Remodeled it for Corp. offices of TBW. This old building was a distraction in downtown Ocala. It became the model for remodeling in downtown that followed.

Leased an OLD Winn Dixie grocery store that had been closed for years and was an eyesore in Pine street shopping Center. He remodeled it into a major community asset In the form of Compass of Ocala. A high-end health and fitness center.

Purchased another old Winn Dixie on North Magnolia Ave. It also had been vacant for many years and was in deplorable condition. He remodeled that for use by TBW records management. It was the catalyst for the improvements on the North Magnolia Corridor.

Charity Donations

Lee was a major contributor to the Salvation Army annual Christmas fundraiser. He was physically active for several years collecting and donating from \$65,000.00 to as much as \$147,000.00 in one year.

I was in his office when he got a phone call about the equine Olympic Medallist that was competing at an event in Tallahassee. His horse fell and he was seriously injured. They were asking for help with his medical bills. Lee asked if I knew him. I had met and knew of him. He gave ten thousand dollars (10,000.00) toward his medical bills.

The Humane Society of Marion County was in serious financial trouble. They went to Lee for advise about the problem of raising about one half of monthly operating expense. They were going to borrow money to stay in existence. Lee advised againse borrowing and offered to contribute ten thousand (\$10,000.00) per month for up to one year. He made contribution for six months and they were able to increase donations to maintain operation.

I know there are many people and groups Lee donated to and helped during the last fifteen years I have known him. Even today, I have people tell me of an instance where he reached out to help.

His community involvement was recognized by designating him "Man of the Year" and "Grand Marshall" of out annual Christmas Parade for his many contributions to the community.

Lee had a love for his community and for people that were in need.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald K. Ergle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerald" being more prominent.

Gerald K. Ergle
Former Mayor and City Councilman
City of Ocala

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema
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Dear Honorable Brinkema,

I would like to share a story of how Mr. Farkas changed my life. In August of 1997 my mother passed away and I truly felt my life was over. She was my everything. My father was not present in my life, and I had no grandparents. So when she passed, it was though I had no purpose. In December of that year, I purchased my first place. I ~~just~~ had just graduated college and living at my moms. I had my first 'real job' and good credit. I received a small amount of insurance money when my mom passed, so what I received was used to pay off student loans. I know my mom would have loved nothing more than help me pay for college. Mr. Farkas allowed me to close in escrow, so I could pay off all my loans. So having the extra day to clear up my loans, and keep in guidelines gave me an opportunity in life, that without I can truly say I may not be here today. Having my first place allowed me to realize life must go on, even if at the time it didn't seem possible. I am now the mother of 3 children. I have never shared this story with anyone regarding what a dark place I was in, but I know in my heart Mr. Farkas is part of the reason I am here today. I just want you to know that

he is a very kind man. I believe everyone involved are good people who truly never intended to do wrong, and always intended to fix the problem

Thank you for taking the time to read my story, I hope you take into consideration over the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Kari Hollifield

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge
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May 23, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Lee Farkas is my mom's only brother and the only uncle I have ever had. He and my mom are very, very close. In turn, that meant that he was always very close with me, and my brother.

When I was a little girl, my uncle would ask me what I wanted (for my birthday, holidays, etc...) and every time I answered, I would politely say, "Why, the moon, of course". I truly believed that he could pull the moon from the night sky and hand it to me. Every holiday and birthday, I would wait and wait for the moon to be delicately wrapped up with a bow.

He wasn't ever able to get me the moon but he did manage to do some amazing things for me along the way.

At age 16 he bought me my first convertible car. A little white VW cabrio. At age 18, he paid for my entire four years of college at Arizona State University, where I graduated with a double major in Education and Journalism with a minor in Sign Language and Photojournalism. At age 21 he gave me the down payment to purchase my first home, a condo in Scottsdale. At age 22 he gave my mother and I start-up money for a flower business, which I grew to be an upscale floral boutique in North Scottsdale called the Bloom Room which I sold at age 28. At age 23 he paid for my dream wedding which took place at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, Arizona.

I think as a young child, asking for the moon was an intuitive foreshadowing of what was going to take place throughout my life.

Thank you, Uncle Lee for all the chances to experience life and all the memories.

Sincerely,

Rachael Johnson

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The Honorable Leonie M. Brunkema
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
Alexandria, Va 22314

My name is Linda Miller.
Lee Farkas is my first cousin. We
spent much of our childhood together
as a very close knit family.

I would like to relay something
Lee did very recently that had a great
impact on my life and the lives of
adults with disabilities in Plano, Texas.

I have a son with autism who is
twenty six years old. A group of parents
in Plano where I live started a quality
day program for adults with disabilities.

We desperately needed money to get
this program started. Lee asked me
how much we needed and made a
generous donation. Lee is a generous
person and has a good heart. We
are all grateful to him for helping us
in this time of need.

Regards

Linda Miller

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**The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
401 Courthouse Square
Alexandria VA, 22314**

Dear Judge Brinkema

I have known Lee Farkas for nearly 45 years and he has always been a kind, generous, compassionate person to my family and me.

In recent years as my grandmother became sick His trips to visit her and spend time with her were something she always cherished.

During many years as my business was growing and struggling, Lee was always there to offer advice and in many instances help us set policy and procedures that are still in effect today.

Lastly my cousin Lee has always been a great Source of inspiration and love to me and everyone in our family.

He was able to help us all with his time and efforts in many years past during the great flood we had here in the early 1990's..His help and encouragement will never be forgotten.

Thank - You

Mark R. Morose

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June 5, 2011
The Honorable Leonie M Brinkema
United States District Judge
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Honorable Judge Leonie M Brinkema

My name is Jerry Ortiz I'm writing to you on behalf of Lee Farkas. Lee is my wife's cousin. I have known Lee for over 30 years.

Our relationships has always been a positive one. In 2004 I was ready for a career change but a little apprehensive. Lee was one person that encouraged me to pursue my dream of starting my own business. He offered me his knowledge and guidance and I felt like he truly wanted me to succeed. He has always been very caring and compassionate to me and to all his family members.

I can only tell you that Lee Farkas is a good person who is very family oriented and has had a positive affect on me personally

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry T Ortiz". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "J" and "O".

Jerry T Ortiz

June 5, 2011
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Honorable Judge Leonie M Brinkema

My name is Patty Ortiz. I'm writing to you on behalf of my cousin Lee Farkas.

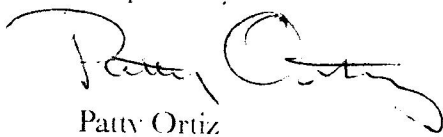
Lee has always been a big part of my life. Growing up our families spent a lot of time together. We traveled together, spent summers together at the lake and spent holidays, birthdays and special occasions together.

During our high school years me and Lee worked together in my fathers flower business. My father put a lot of responsibility and trust on Lee at a young age. His positive work ethic and trustworthy and caring attitude definitely had a positive impact on me and my career.

I've always thought of Lee as the big brother that I never had. He was always there for me and I felt like I could always go to him for advice and guidance.

I hope you can take into account all of the people whose lives he has positively touched and how his absence will affect many lives.

Respectfully,


Patty Ortiz

June 3, 2011

Dina Parker
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The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
401 Courthouse Square
Alexandria, VA 22314

Your Honor,


I have known Lee Farkas for 7 years. I was employed at Taylor Bean & Whitaker for 2 years as an office supply assistant. I was in charge of ordering all office supplies, and I helped clean the premises. In 2007, Lee offered me a job as his personal housekeeper. In my years of knowing Lee, I have found Lee to be a very genuine person. He is compassionate, intelligent, funny, determined and honest. I know we all have our flaws and shortcomings. I know Lee is not perfect, but my experiences in knowing Lee have had a great impact on me. He and I shared the common view that if we choose to undertake a task, we should do it to the best of our ability. We developed a bond of mutual respect, despite personal flaws.

When I was at TBW, Lee would come in to the cafeteria and would sit and eat and talk with all of us employees. We would talk about work, the food, family and life in general. He would make us all feel valuable by telling us that all jobs at TBW were important. He made all of us feel like we were part of a team. We felt appreciated. One of the qualities that I most admired about him was that he was always offering new perspectives to problems big and small. He always seemed to have an open mind and offered options for solutions. I always seemed to learn from him, and he made me feel comfortable in asking for advice if I ever needed it.

When I worked for Lee as his housekeeper, I obviously spent much time in his home and I observed his home life. He always seemed to stay busy, but he would always find time to serve me coffee in the mornings when I reported for work. He loved to watch movies and we sometimes would engage in trivial conversations and reviews of movies we had seen. I saw him interact with other employees of his house with respect and dignity. When Lee lost his company, he could no longer afford to keep his house and employees. He worried much about where we would all work and he went out of his to help find new employment for us. To this day, I feel the impact of his generosity.

I appreciate having worked with Lee Farkas. I appreciate having learned from him.

Respectfully,)


Dina Parker

May 17,2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
401 Courthouse Square
Alexandria VA 22314

Re: Lee Farkas

Dear Honorable Brinkema:

My name is Tim Wieser and am writing this letter in behalf of Lee Farkas. I've Known Lee for over 10 years now, from being close friends with his sister Terri. In that time I got to know Lee very well. He is very caring and has a strong character. Lee would always go out of his way to make sure all of his guest were comfortable. Lee was always concerned about his family and friends, he would often call Terri especially when she needed help and support and provided her comfort that was always there

and solid. Terri told me one time while she was staying with Lee in Ocala Fl. "I feel so safe and comfortable being with Lee. Its like home. I want to stay here forever"!

When I started my business several years ago Lee unexpectedly called me and offered advice and directed me towards being successful. I really appreciated it because he took time out of his busy schedule to call me and help me out. It was very thoughtful and generous. Lee really is a great guy, has a big heart, and genuinely cares for people. I wish him the best.

Sincerely
Tim Wieser